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▶ Deb Norley, left, and Patty Joudrey, staffers with the City of London, cool their heels in a waterfall outside the John Labatt Centre while the pair enjoyed lunch yesterday. Temperatures hit 31 C yesterday afternoon, matching a 70-year record for the Forest City. Conditions are expected to be cooler today with more seasonable temperatures around 23 C.

‘One-day wonder’

But hotter-than-usual days ahead: Expert

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It was a “one-day wonder,” a short-lived heat wave that matched a 70-year temperature record.

But hazy, hot and humid weather this early in the year can be hazardous to your health — we’re just not used to it yet, warned the Middlesex London Health Unit.

Yesterday, temperatures hit 31 C at 1 p.m. in the Forest City according to Environment Canada. With the humidity, it felt more like 40 C, triggering a humidex advisory from Environment Canada.

Dave Phillips, senior meteorologist at Environment Canada, said warm air has come up from the Gulf of Mexico.

“The atmosphere is just sucking that moisture up now (from recent rain), much to the delight of farmers,” he said.

“Get used to it. What we’re saying is that our latest models are showing a warmer-than-normal June, July and August and this is going to be the flavour of the summer.”
DAVE PHILLIPS, SENIOR METEOROLOGIST AT ENVIRONMENT CANADA

To have such high temperatures combined with humidity this early in the season can present problems, Phillips acknowledged.

“People aren’t used to it. It’s almost like learning how to drive in the snow all over again.”

Iqbal Khalsi from Middlesex-London Health agrees. Late Monday, the health unit issued its first heat advisory of the year. In 2010, that first advisory came July 3.

“Just a few days ago we saw people wearing jackets. Our bodies are not used to it,” he warned. “This can cause some fatal conditions if you’re not prepared properly.”

But the heat wave didn’t last — indeed, Phillips called it a “one-day wonder.” He said temperatures will fall to 23 C today with little humidity.

“The sky will be azure blue. It’ll be a glorious day. If you’re going to go golfing, this is probably the best three days coming up.”

Packing heat

- On May 31, 1944 the temperature in London peaked at 31.1 C.
- The Middlesex-London Health Unit puts out a heat advisory whenever a humidex of 40-plus C is forecast, the temperature is 36 C or higher with a smog alert or when temperatures hit 38 C without humidity.
- During heat alert/humidex advisory days, people are urged to limit exercise during the day and drink plenty of fluids.

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First baby born at newly opened North Tower

London Health Sciences Centre is celebrating the birth of the first baby in the newly opened North Tower at the sciences centre's Victoria Hospital.

Born Tuesday morning at 12:56 a.m., baby girl Rowen weighs seven pounds, 13 ounces, and is the daughter of Candi and Peter Boultbee.

"I am very excited to be a part of the first birth in the new North Tower," says Dr. Kirk Hamilton, family medicine obstetrics.

London Health Sciences Centre's obstetrical-care unit moved into their new space in the Grace Donnelly Women's Health Pavilion at Victoria Hospital on Monday in advance of the transfer of all obstetrical-care services from St. Joseph's, set to take place this weekend.

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KATHY STUART/LONDON HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE/FOR METRO

▶ Candi and Peter Boultbee welcome Rowen to the world early yesterday morning.

Watt a good way to raise funds

Boys and Girls Club of London among first charities to use green energy to raise money

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MICHAEL SEABROOK/BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB/FOR METRO

▶ An aerial view of the solar-energy project on the roof of the Boys and Girls Club on Horton Street.

As Kermit the Frog said, it's not easy being green — and it's certainly expensive to do.

So says Don Donner, CEO of the Boys and Girls Club Foundation, on a new project that transformed the roof of their building at 184 Horton St. E. into one big solar array.

Costing almost $1 million, the project features 528 panels mounted on the roof covering 40,000 square feet. Donner said they'll sell electricity back into the grid through the province's Feed-in Tariff program. They've already signed a 20-year contract to do so.

He estimates it will take about eight years to pay back the money for the program and that, over 20 years, it will generate $2.2 million for Boys and Girls Club of London.

"It's an innovative approach to fundraising and a wonderful way to raise some funds, having a not-for-profit get involved in this program and the greening of Ontario," Donner said, adding very few charities have gone down this road, meaning there won't be as much competition for scarce donation dollars.

But it took a lot of work to reach this stage. Donner said they worked with the province's Community Energy Partnership program to investigate the project, including reinforcing the organization's roof — and making sure a change in government at Queen's Park wouldn't leave the Boys and Girls Club holding the bag.

"I tell people we've been at this for 18 months. I feel like I've delivered two kids," he said with a laugh.

Funding sources

- Out of the project's estimated cost of $1 million, $300,000 came from the provincial and federal government, $100,000 from the Community Energy Partnership and the remaining $600,000 from the Boys and Girls Club Foundation.
- Donner said it's purely an energy- and profit-generation project — electricity for the actual Boys and Girls Club building will still come from the grid.
- In addition to energy generation, there's also an education component, as children can watch energy being produced thanks to information on TV screens, Donner said.

Province for abolishing Senate

Ontario has joined Quebec in warning Prime Minister Stephen Harper to abandon plans to reform the Senate, but the province went even further yesterday by calling on the federal government to scrap the upper chamber.

"Ontario's position on Senate reform: abolish the Senate," Premier Dalton McGuinty tweeted yesterday.

Harper is expected to move quickly to introduce two separate Senate-reform bills — one to impose term limits on senators and the other to allow provinces to elect nominees whom Harper would then appoint to the Senate.

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▶ Premier Dalton McGuinty

News in brief

Heel-toeing it for a cause

The 15th annual Walk/Run for Colon Cancer Canada — Push for Your Tush will take place Sunday at Gibbons Park. There's a 10 kilometre run, a 5 km walk and a 1 km toddler walk.

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LTC driver assaulted

A London man has been charged after a LTC driver was assaulted Monday near Dundas and Wellington streets.

The accused was in a car that had crashed into the back of a stopped bus. The accused then left his car and proceeded onto the bus where he assaulted and demanded money from the driver. METRO

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DAVID LIPNOWSKI/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fans thrilled to have NHL back in the 'Peg

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Nothing like a little "White Out" to fix a problem. Thousands of fans converged on Winnipeg's downtown yesterday, many of them wearing Winnipeg Jets jerseys, to celebrate the return of the NHL to Winnipeg.

While the mood was celebratory, it was also relieved.

"It took so long," said James Michaels, 22. "It was up and down, and, man, I thought there for a while it would never happen. But now it has, and now I have to see if I can afford tickets."

Cody Petrash and Antony Maluzynsky wandered the barriers at Portage Avenue and Main Street for hours, the first fans to show up at the iconic Winnipeg intersection yesterday morning.

"I've been waiting for this day all my life," said Maluzynsky. "We've been waiting for this day, every day, for some NHL puck back in the 'Peg."

Winnipeg superfan Dancing Gabe said he was the happiest man in the city.

"It's been 15 long years, and I remember when they left for Phoenix I was just heartbroken," said Gabe, who attends every single sports game in Winnipeg. "But now they're coming back, and it's been a long time coming!"

Not everyone at the Forks shared the excitement. Sean Clements said he wasn't there for the announcement.

"I've have never really been a big hockey fan. I checked out a few games as a kid, but ... I'm here for the music. I didn't even know this was going on today."

WITH FILES FROM MORGAN MODJESKI AND JAMES TURNER

Fans break out in O Canada after hearing the NHL is coming back to Winnipeg. Video at metronews.ca.

Boulton says move will be tough on family men

Amid the excitement of the NHL returning to Winnipeg, forgotten is the story of players set to leave a life they have built in the Georgia city. Halifax's Eric Boulton is one of those players.

"If you are a single guy, it's a lot easier transition. I have a wife who is from here and kids who are in hockey and in gymnastics. The transition for guys with families, it is a big deal," Boulton said yesterday by phone from Atlanta.

The 10-year NHL veteran and established league enforcer said he and his teammates with the Atlanta Thrashers heard for weeks rumours of a pending move to Winnipeg — although they were "kept in the dark" about most things.

"That's my job, to play hockey, and it's business. We realize this stuff happens."
HALIFAX'S ERIC BOULTON OF THE THRASHERS

Now, with the move official, Boulton called it "a lot to be excited about" and "an emotional day."

PHILIP CROUCHER

What the players think

In moving to a hockey hotbed, the Thrashers can expect a bit of culture shock in Winnipeg.

Captain Andrew Ladd
"Not having (NHL) hockey there for 15 years ... I'm sure (fans) are ready to blow the doors off the hinges and get this thing going."

Goalie Chris Mason
"Next year it's going to be hockey, hockey, hockey. I just love that."

Goalie Ondrej Pavelec
"People in Atlanta like baseball, they like American football. Everyone knows we had problems (getting) fans to watch our games."

Coyotes' Paul Bissonnette
"I have a feeling in nine months there will be a lot of babies being born in the city of Winnipeg. Let the party begin in Canada."

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/FOR METRO

▶ Mario Livich, owner of ShowTimeTickets.com, with much-coveted tickets for the Stanley Cup Finals.

TICKETS TO THE FINALS ARE HOT, HOT, HOT

JEFF HODSON
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HOME ICE ADVANTAGE

With Game 1 of the Stanley Cup finals beginning tonight in Vancouver, the hottest ticket in town is so blistering hot it's searing holes in people's wallets.

Scalper tickets for tonight and Saturday's game are $600 to $1,000 and will run higher as the series continues.

This was the pitch from one poor sap selling his Game 2 cheap seat for $450 on Craigslist:

"I am unable to go because I have to go to a (expletive) piece of (expletive) musical with my wife (whom I love) … It's a terrible seat, you will have a terrible time at the game, the beer tastes like crap and costs $10 each. Price is firm because I don't want to sell it." **JEFF HODSON IS MANAGING EDITOR OF METRO VANCOUVER**

Some royal insults

Quebec parliamentarian calls visiting royals parasites ◗ Quebec government demands apology

The Quebec government demanded an apology from a legislator who compared the Royal Family to parasites and circus performers but he didn't appear to be backing down yesterday.

The remarks were made by the leader of the tiny left-wing party Quebec solidaire — who said taxpayers have no business footing the bill for the visit by Prince William and Kate.

Quebec's deputy premier said the comments from Amir Khadir demonstrate "a lack of class."

"There are a large number of Quebecers who have a lot of respect for the royal family," said Nathalie Normandeau, a Liberal cabinet minister.

But the anti-monarchist politician is refusing to take his words back.

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▶ Quebec Solidaire Leader Amir Khadir

Khadir, his party's only member of the legislature, went almost as far in a news conference yesterday as he did in an earlier interview with a Quebec tabloid. He stuck to his argument that the royals represent a "parasitic" system that should be obsolete in today's world.

"(Khadir) should set an example. Going after that young couple the way he has, in such a coarse way, demonstrates a lack of class and a lack of respect towards Quebec citizens."
NATHALIE NORMANDEAU, LIBERAL CABINET MINISTER

"Taxpayers should not be paying for that," he said. Reminded that the event could draw tourists, he said: "If this is a tourist attraction I would at least like it if the principals involved, the prince and the princess, knew it — knew that we're bringing them here a little bit like we do with circus tours." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Think twice before you talk

Wireless devices could raise risk of brain cancer, says WHO

The cancer agency of the World Health Organization says using cellphones and other wireless devices may put people at greater risk of brain cancer, but more study is needed to be certain.

A group of 31 scientists — including two Canadians — with the WHO's International Agency for Research on Cancer met in France for a week to study whether exposure to the type of electromagnetic radiation emitted by wireless devices could cause cancer.

Yesterday, the group classified radio frequency electromagnetic fields as "possibly carcinogenic to humans," based on a higher risk of glioma, a rare but often deadly form of brain tumour.

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▶ It's a known fact that wireless devices emit electromagnetic radiation.

Our health care needs organization: Report

If Canada wants to improve its health-care system, it should start by better organizing all the bits and pieces of crucial information that confound doctors, patients and administrators, says the Health Council of Canada.

The council is responsible for monitoring progress on a 10-year federal–provincial health accord that infused provincial systems with $41 billion in federal money in 2004.

In its latest evaluation, released yesterday, the council said that many provinces have laid the groundwork for better-quality health care in some areas.

But progress is patchy, varying greatly province by province. Information on the system's health as a whole — let alone that of individual patients — is unreliable. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Although there is electronic health record infrastructure for half of Canadians, many physicians are not using it in their clinical decision-making and patients can't benefit fully from the technology until they do."
HEALTH COUNCIL OF CANADA

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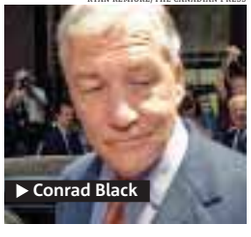

▶ Conrad Black

Black not fazed by rejection

Conrad Black says he will keep fighting for his freedom after the U.S. Supreme Court yesterday rejected an appeal from the former media mogul challenging his two remaining convictions on fraud and obstruction of justice.

"That court almost never takes a case back and so its decision was expected," Black said in an email to The Canadian Press. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

Soldier's body comes home

CFB TRENTON. The body of the latest Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan has arrived home.

A military plane carrying the body of Bombardier Karl Manning, 31, arrived yesterday afternoon at CFB Trenton, in eastern Ontario.

Manning was found dead on Friday at a forward military outpost in southern Afghanistan.

An investigation is underway, but the military has ruled out foul play, enemy action and accidental causes in Manning's death.

Manning was the 156th Canadian to die as part of the mission to Afghanistan.

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Bank rates could rise

Higher inflation could boost household borrowing, experts say Strong dollar will keep import costs down

The Bank of Canada has signalled that interest rates will likely rise later this year, as long as the still-fragile economic recovery continues to build.

For the sixth straight announcement date, the central bank yesterday delayed the tightening regime it began almost a year ago and kept its trend-setting policy interest rate at one per cent.

But in an accompanying statement, the bank did alter its advisory on future action, indicating it will start moving rates closer to their normal levels if the recovery continues on track.

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▶ Carney

"To the extent that the expansion continues and the current material excess supply in the economy is gradually absorbed, some of the considerable monetary policy stimulus currently in place will be eventually withdrawn," it said.

"Such reduction would need to be carefully considered."

It's the first time the bank has signalled in an interest rate announcement that it will eventually have to raise rates, although governor Mark Carney has been warning Canadians that higher rates are coming for more than a year.

Financial markets appeared to react to the new language — the loonie jumped nearly a cent to 103.28 cents US following the release of the statement. Analysts said nothing was carved in stone.

CIBC chief economist Avery Shenfeld puts the odds of a move in July at less than 50 per cent.

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Economic future

- Analysts say the The Bank of Canada seems uncertain about how the economic recovery will unfold.
- The bank appeared to take a darker view yesterday of the U.S. recovery and the European debt crisis, compared to its outlook in April.
- It also repeated concerns about Japan's natural and nuclear disasters.
- Supply-chain disruptions from Japan will cause Canada's second-quarter growth to fall sharply, but the negative impacts will be short-lived.

News in brief

Jazz by any other name is Air Canada

AIRLINES. Air Canada's regional service Jazz will begin flying under the Air Canada Express banner starting today.

The name change is part of the airline's rebranding of all its regional services. The first Jazz plane to be renamed will be the Bombardier Q400 turboprops, with the others to follow once other Q400s are delivered or the existing aircraft are repainted.

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▶ A model displays the Gigabyte S1080 tablet on the opening day of Computex computer expo yesterday in Taipei, Taiwan. The show runs for five days, with sales orders projected to total $25 billion US.

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Expo takes big 'bytes'

Computex features a record-setting 1,800 sellers, and an estimated 36,000 buyers. The mobile platform has been a huge trend for the past year, with tablets being the hottest item at the second-largest computer fest.

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar	Oil	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft	Gold contract
– 26.79 (13,802.88)	+ 0.9¢ (103.28¢ US)	+ $2.11 US ($102.70 US)	$4.666 (+ 14.8¢)	$1,535.90 (– 40¢)

Sex assault allegations at gold mine investigated

Barrick Gold Corp. says it is investigating allegations of sexual assaults against local women at one of its gold mines in Tanzania.

The company says the assaults are alleged to have taken place at the North Mara mine, which is owned and operated by Barrick's subsidiary, African Barrick Gold PLC.

The Toronto-based gold miner says that a preliminary investigation by ABG has found credible evidence of sexual assaults by members of the Tanzanian police and the company's security guards.

Barrick says local police are also probing the allegations and a senior-level investigations unit will be deployed to the mine in the coming days.

The company says it is "deeply distressed" by the evidence that has emerged. Its own investigation is ongoing, and the findings will be made public once the report is concluded.

Earlier this month, North Mara was the site of deadly clashes between police and a crowd of about 800 people trying to steal ore from the mine. Seven people were killed and a dozen more were injured.

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▶ Demonstrators protest recently outside the Barrick Gold Corporation's annual general meeting in Toronto.

Zero tolerance

- Barrick says any employee implicated in human rights violations or other serious criminal acts will be terminated.
- Barrick owns and operates gold mines in Canada, the U.S., Peru, Argentina, Chile, Australia and Papua New Guinea.

CHANNELLING HIS INNER CAVEMAN

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO

Creepy news out of Silicon Valley this week: Mark Zuckerberg, the CEO of Facebook, has taken to only eating meat he kills himself.

Various online tongues are wagging: Not a big deal for a guy who has already killed MySpace. But MySpace was a bunch of bits and bytes. MySpace did not have big eyes and a little fluffy tail that wags unsuspectingly when you approach it.

Zuckerberg, demonstrating the same steely resolve he used to deal with the Winklevoss twins, went to a nearby farm in the valley and killed his own pig, chicken and goat by slitting their throats.

Oink!

This is just an extension of Zuckerberg's annual commitment to do something that stretches the Zuckerberg envelope, which is already an overweight package. Last year, it was learn Chinese. This year, it's kill defenceless domestic animals. Next year? Just hope it doesn't involve weapons of mass destruction.

"If (Mark) Zuckerberg wants to be a truly accountable carnivore, shouldn't he have to catch it, as well as kill it?"

The point, says Zuckerberg, is that "many people forget that a living being has to die for you to eat meat, so my goal revolves around not letting myself forget that and being thankful for what I have."

Easy for him to say, but I'm sure the goat would prefer an intact throat even if Zuckerberg doesn't get to feel better about himself.

Because isn't that really the point? Twenty-seven-year-old megalomaniac multibillionaire gets to feel better about himself by engaging in some kind of twee blood ritual that makes everybody else's skin crawl.

Say you're an ambitious young VP at Facebook and Zuckerberg invites you up to the farm for the weekend to kill some dinner. What do you do? Gee, Mark, sorry! Not this weekend, I have to wash my hair?

The fact is that the real difference between human beings and the rest of the animal kingdom is that only people are capable of hypocrisy. I have to admit that if I had to kill the ingredients in my chicken Caesar salad, I would become an instant vegetarian. And that probably goes for everyone else who is not a bloodthirsty software entrepreneur trying to get in touch with his inner caveman.

Even more obvious, it's simply not practical, unless they start installing do-it-yourself abattoirs at the local supermarkets, part of the trend to checking out and bagging your own groceries.

If Zuckerberg wants to be a truly accountable carnivore, shouldn't he have to catch it, as well as kill it? It's easy to prey on some poor caged animal, but imagine what a spiritual experience it would be if you had to run the poor critter down first.

A week of that and I guarantee he will be thankful if he manages to catch his dinner.

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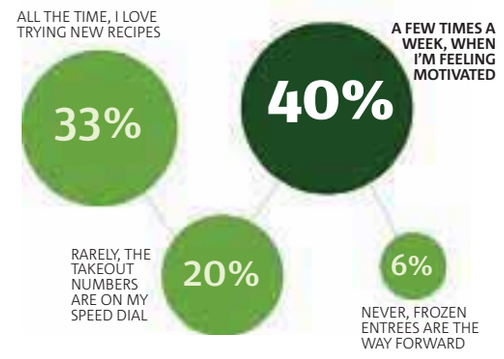
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A FEW TIMES A WEEK, WHEN I'M FEELING MOTIVATED
40%
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20%
6%
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Local tweets

We asked tweeters, what does it feel like out there?

- **@S_Sills:** Feels like an oven here in my apartment rather not go directly into the sun right now and see how that feels
- **@JamesWilk:** feels like a sauna with a slight breeze and scents of fresh cut grass
- **@DayaCounselling:** It's beautiful out. A little sticky ... but no complaints over here.
- **@edjackman:** You know when they say, "It's 30 degrees in the shade!" That.
- **@sweetstellas:** GROSS!!! And I don't have any shorts that fit!
- **@RestosLdnOnt:** It is not snowing or cold. Now everyone shutup
- **@Ann_l_martin:** after a lengthy wait patio season is finally here! Just glad i'm not out working in it!
- **@cam5:** I will be sitting in my underwear beside a fan all day is how it feels out here in #ldnont
- **@speedybikegirl:** sun on my face and sweating is so much better than snow in my face and freezing!
- **@nicklozon:** sticky icky icky.

Letters

Re: School signs its support for soldier (Metro, May 31)

LONDON, Ont. When I saw the picture with the article "School signs its support for soldier" I was very concerned. The picture depicts Canadian Forces Cpl. Jay Riddolls watching over three young students signing the national flag while he is smiling.

According to the Canadian Ministry of Heritage and the Canadian Heritage website, "the National Flag of Canada should not be signed or marked in any way ..."

So, essentially, you included a picture with your article of the Canadian flag being treated in such a way that its dignity is being tarnished by three students, while a Canadian Forces soldier looks on and smiles. I'm sure the intentions were good.

Canadian Forces members are also held to a very high standard of conduct and when one poses in a picture when there is an affront to the dignity of the national flag there could be some ramifications by his or her superiors.

CHRIS MCFARLANE

Cartoon by Michael de Adder

WEIRD NEWS

Almost like speaking from beyond grave

In an effort to better relate to a younger generation, a U.S.-based headstone manufacturer has created new burial markers so visitors can learn more about the deceased and leave messages for them.

All it takes is a smartphone or mobile device and a free app.

Seattle-based Quiring Monuments lasers QR — or "quick read" — codes on black plastic and copper stickers. The code looks like a square barcode. They are then stuck on the monument.

After scanning the code on a smartphone or an app on a mobile device, like an iPad, visitors are redirected to a website built by the person's family.

Each site can be personalized with memories, comments from friends, pictures, videos, family history and a map to the grave's exact location.

"It's a way to tie together the old way of memorializing with granite headstones and the new trend of social networking, which is how a lot of people are grieving now," Jon Reece, general manager of Quiring Monuments, told the Toronto Star.

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Scene in brief

Canadian comedian Russell Peters says he felt like he was "drowning" onstage during his recent gigs with Charlie Sheen in Toronto. In mid-April, Peters interviewed Sheen at Massey Hall for two nights as part of the TV star's Violent Torpedo of Truth tour. "The first night was like pulling teeth and I even told him when we got off, I go: 'Dude, you're killing me up there. You're not giving me anything.' And he goes, 'Yeah, I'm sorry man, I'm just tired.' "And I go: 'All right, whatever, but you know, if you want these shows to go well, you're going to have to help me a little bit there, kid ... a brown man is drowning up there.'"

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Snooki, fellow Jersey Shore cast member in fender bender in Italy; apparently uninjured Scan code for story.

Ray Romano matures in Men of a Certain Age

Award-winning drama deals with mid-life challenges
Has been called 'comical, poignant and harrowing'

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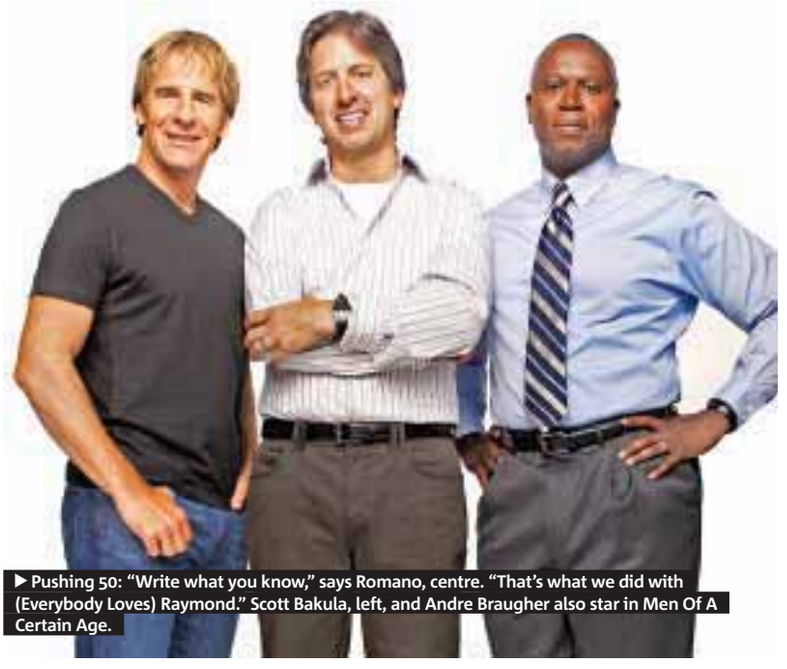

▶ Pushing 50: "Write what you know," says Romano, centre. "That's what we did with (Everybody Loves) Raymond." Scott Bakula, left, and Andre Braugher also star in Men Of A Certain Age.

On tonight's return of Men of a Certain Age, mild-mannered party-store owner Joe has a confusing brush with his ex-wife.

Terry, the failed-actor-turned-car-salesman and perennial bachelor, seems ready to settle down with his new girlfriend.

And Owen, who runs his father's struggling car dealership, makes a pivotal decision about his career.

To put it another way: There are no murders, zombies or superhuman capers. The three lifelong pals who now are coping with mid-life are such remarkably ordinary heroes for a TV series they seem downright exotic. As played by series stars Ray Romano, Scott Bakula and Andre Braugher, these guys are never larger-than-life, but instead recognizably true-to-life.

"When Raymond ended, I was on the top of the world. Cloud 9, money, free time, golf, go places! And my therapist said, 'You want to start coming twice a week?'"
RAY ROMANO

Critics love...

- **Men of a Certain Age** is more reflective, more nuanced and more bittersweet than Everybody Loves Raymond.
- **The drama** was duly rewarded for its special brand of normalness when it premiered in late 2009, winning critical praise and healthy ratings.

This year, Men won a prestigious George Foster Peabody award, administered by the University of Georgia and popularly known as the Pulitzer of the electronic media. The Peabody judges hailed the series as "comical, poignant and harrowing, sometimes all at once."

Receiving the award onstage last week, Romano proudly wisecracked, "I just want to say to my wife of 23 years: Maybe NOW you'll watch the show."

A few hours earlier, Romano and Men co-creator Mike Royce looked back on how their prize-winning show had come about.

A few years back, both men were feeling a bit of middle-age angst in the aftermath of Romano's hit comedy Everybody Loves Raymond, on which Royce served as a writer and executive producer.

"Right after Raymond," explained Romano, "I had a world-is-my-oyster attitude, but I found out I don't like oysters. I had this existential emptiness. 'What is my purpose? Who am I?' I had a big identity crisis."

"I had the same problem, but with less money," laughed Royce, who is now 47. So Romano and Royce began commiserating.

The character they wrote for Romano was a newly divorced father of two with a gambling problem and a job that seemed to brand him as a variation of the timeless sad clown: a man who runs a party store for whom life isn't a party.

As they go along, has doing the show given Romano any personal insight about navigating his own middle age?

"I don't know," he replied, caught short by the question. "My character is still kind of grasping. He still hasn't gotten to a place of contentment." A bit like Romano? "I ask my therapist, 'Why can't I just sit back and be happy?' And he says, 'Well, first of all, I need to make a living.'"

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Global TV announces fall lineup

CTV to publicize its slate of shows tomorrow
CBC reveals its fall newbies on June 8

A new take on the British drama Prime Suspect, an animated version of Napoleon Dynamite and the return of Dave Foley and Sarah Michelle Gellar to series television are among the highlights of Global TV's fall lineup.

Global's parent company, Shaw Media, announced a prime-time roster that includes six new dramas and six new comedies.

They include a small-screen adaptation of John Grisham's The Firm; Gellar as a woman who takes over her estranged twin sister's identity in Ringer; the rookie cop drama The 2-2, executive produced by Robert De Niro; and Foley's sitcom How to be a Gentleman.

Over on specialty channel Slice, two reality show staples get a Canadian spin: Real Housewives Vancouver and Intervention Canada.

The new shows were to be detailed at a glitzy downtown presentation aimed at ad buyers.

Citytv announced its lineup Monday, touting buzzed-about series including the dinosaur drama Terra Nova and J.J. Abrams' thriller Person of Interest.

Fresh comedies include Are You There, Vodka? It's Me, Chelsea, inspired by comedian Chelsea Handler's memoir and the animated series Allen Gregory with the voice of Jonah Hill as a precocious seven-year-old.

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▶ Maria Bello stars in the TV show Prime Suspect.

MOVIE PREQUELS OFTEN GIVE FANS LESS NOT MORE

IN FOCUS

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The official definition of prequel is: a work that supplements a previously completed one, and has an earlier time setting. The unofficial meaning reads like this: prequels, a way to prolong a failing movie franchise's life.

On McSweenys.net recently Sarah Garb suggested titles for some lesser known Hollywood prequels. My favourites? Four Bachelorette Parties and a Friend in the Hospital, Borderline-Inappropriate Dancing and There Are Plenty of Mohicans. Of course those movies don't exist but you get the idea.

OK, I'm being cynical. Not all prequels are money grabs. The Godfather: Part II is one of the greatest movies, prequel, sequel or otherwise, ever made and my fingers are crossed for this weekend's X-Men: First Class, set in 1963 when Charles Xavier starts up a school for humans with superhuman abilities.

Hopefully the new cast, featuring Oscar nominee Jennifer Lawrence and Brit favourite James McAvoy will mutate the movie into something a little more interesting than the dull-as-its-star's-retracting-bone-claws-after-a-manicure X-Men: Origins: Wolverine.

Of course prequels are nothing new. The 1949 drama Another Part of the Forest supplied the backstory to the 1939 hit The Little Foxes and The Good, the Bad and the Ugly was a prequel to A Fistful of Dollars.

More recently, George Lucas chose to make Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom a prequel to Raiders of the Lost Ark — Raiders is set in South America, 1936, while Temple takes place in Shanghai, 1935 — as he did not want to use Nazis as villains once again.

The Silence of the Lambs, the story of cannibal Hannibal Lecter, inspired not one, but two prequels and a sequel. Prequel-wise it had its ups-and-downs.

First the good. Red Dragon featured an all star cast, iand, of course, Anthony Hopkins who helps law enforcement track down a mysterious serial killer. Five years later they took one more kick at the cannibal can with Hannibal, Lecter's origin story. Hopkins was lucky enough not to be included.

Finally, there's The Hobbit, a two-part film adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's 1937 novel and prequel to The Lord of the Rings trilogy. One thing is certain. With Peter Jackson at the helm it has to be better than Dumb and Dumberer: When Harry Met Lloyd. Right?

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▶ Harrison Ford starred in the prequel Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom.

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Gaga didn't know that she had gone bankrupt

She now tops Forbes list of most powerful celebrity with $125M net worth

Lady Gaga may have topped Forbes most powerful celebrities list with an estimated net worth of more than $125 million, but her last blow-out tour actually drove her into bankruptcy, she tells the Financial Times.

"I put everything in the show, and I actually went bankrupt after the first extension of the Monster Ball," she says.

"And it was funny because I didn't know! And I remember I called everybody and said, 'Why is everyone saying I have no money? This is ridiculous, I have five No. 1 singles' — and they said, 'Well, you're $3 million in debt.'" METRO

"I remember I called everybody and said, 'Why is everyone saying I have no money? This is ridiculous, I have five No. 1 singles'" LADY GAGA

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Talking points

Jolie gushing over Pitt still

OR, PARTS OF HIM. After six years together and just as many children, Angelina Jolie can't stop gushing about Brad Pitt.

"I am very lucky with Brad," she tells the Telegraph. "He is a real gentleman, but he is also a real man's man. He's got the wonderful balance of being an extraordinary, great, loving father, a very, very intelligent man and physically he's a real man … in all things that it means," she adds, blushing. METRO

Celebrity tweets

"Finally get to eat some sushi again before I'm off to new York tomorrow. Everyone In here knows my name, I think I come eat here too often."

@PSchwarzenegger

@NathanFillion

"I just realized I collect flashlights. Weird."

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Mexico City: music to the ears, mouth and eyes

Mexico City has a fascinating culture and if anything, it's worth coming to experience just that. You cannot come here without seeing some iconic institutions such as the Anthropology and Telegraph Museum. The truth is, there is so much to see that its unrealistic you'll be able to see and do it all. Instead, you'll want to come back again and again because Mexico City is such an amazing place. Discover all sorts of gems from the pyramids of Teotihuacán to some of the most colourful markets in the world.

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First time?

The first thing that you should do (there is no doubt in this) is to get on the Turibús. It only costs $8 dollars for a day and once on it you get to tour the entire city. You will need lots and lots of patience as there's so much congestion in Mexico City. In fact, it's famous for that! The good thing about this slow pace is that it will allow you to really see all the touristy attractions and monuments (turibus.com.mx).

▶ Turisbus

Been there before?

I love taking the time to walk around the museums and browsing through the exhibitions they have on. I would recommend visiting the Object Museum in Colima 145 (Colonia Roma). It has many interesting things to look at if you like the design of it. Another great thing you should do is go to the brand new Soumaya Museum (Lago Zurich 245, Colonia Ampliación Granada, soumaya.com.mx). The museum is one of the most artsy and decadent to open in the city and there is no entry fee.

Stay in

Staying at Hotel Condesa DF on Avenida Veracruz 102 is a great choice. It's a classic building and a top boutique hotel in that area. (From $150, condesadf.com)

Go out

For fun drinks and awesome music I head downtown. I love going to La Opera (Av. 5 de mayo 10) a little too much! Their cocktails are so cheap, $5, so really it's a done deal. Nuevo Leon Street in La Condesa is also heaving with pubs. Try the mezcal at The Dancers in Coyaocán (Plaza Jardín Centenario 12).

Eat

Tacos tacos tacos! They are sold on every street corner and there is no need to explain: It's the most popular street food. And it's so cheap: for $1 you can eat two beef, bean or chicken tacos. One restaurant to taste some of the best Mexican fusion food is Monte Cristo. (Insurgentes Norte 1980 and its website is rmontecristo.com.) Their dishes (toasted bean soup and chorizo tortilla or suckling pig tacos) are inspirational and delicious.

▶ Tacos

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Shopping in Mexico City

In the Colonia Roma and Condesa there are so many independent and quirky design shops for you to browse through. A lot of stuff is modern but with a distinct, unique Mexican twist at the same time. One of my favourite places is '5 ° element' (Cuernavaca 79). Another place I like going to is Galería Gurú (Colima 143, gurugalleryshop.com).

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- **Alberta man renting out fully decked out cabooses**
- **The attraction is in an Aspen Crossing campground**

The caboose on Jason Thornhill's property is no ordinary rail car.

Fitted out with a queen-size bed, shower and natural gas fireplace, the former Canadian Pacific caboose serves as a cabin that can be rented by the night or week.

"It's awesome," says Thornhill, a self-described longtime rail buff who also runs a garden centre on the property, called Aspen Crossing.

He has a total of six rail cars on the site, including a former dining car now in use as a restaurant.

"There's a full bathroom in the caboose, a nice little kitchenette with an induction cook top stove, and a DVD player hooked up to a flat-screen TV," he said.

"There's also a sofa that folds out to a double bed and a twin mattress up in the cupola."

Situated in a campground, the caboose sleeps up to five and has been available to guests since April. Rates range from $185 to $279 a night.

Thornhill, 36, says he acquired it in 2008 at no charge from a Calgary firm that had been using it as an office and wanted it gone.

The caboose had been in service with Canadian Pacific for about 40 years until the early 1990s, he added.

"We're trying to rebrand into a historical railway destination," says Thornhill.

Another caboose in the campground is slated to be ready for guests in September.

Aspen Crossing is a 40-minute drive southeast of Calgary. (aspencrossing.com)

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▶ The caboose on Jason Thornhill's property in Mossleigh, Alta., is no ordinary rail car. Fitted out with a queen-size bed, and natural gas fireplace, the former Canadian Pacific caboose serves as a cabin that can be rented by the night or week.

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Plenty of new rides to give you a thrill

New roller coasters are going up at amusement parks all over the United States Coney Island getting its first new roller coaster since the 1920s

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▶ The new Windseeker ride at Cedar Point Amusement Park/Resort in Sandusky, Ohio.

Massive swings at Cedar Point, Kings Island, Dollywood and a Six Flags in California, plus coasters at Six Flags themed on the Green Lantern and a new Little Mermaid attraction at Disneyland are among the new attractions awaiting visitors this season at theme parks north of the border.

Cedar Point and Kings Island in Ohio, and Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, Calif., all are rolling out a thrill ride called Windseeker, which spins riders nearly 30 storeys in the air in two-person swings that flare out and rotate around a tower.

An extremely wet April in Ohio delayed work on the ride at Cedar Point in Sandusky and Kings Island in Mason, so they weren't ready when the parks opened earlier in May, but they're now expected to be up and running.

Six Flags parks in Vallejo, Calif., and St. Louis also are debuting monster swings. Their version, called SkyScreamer, towers 72 metres above the ground with two-person swings soaring in a 30-metre circle at 70 km/h. The ride will be lighted at night from top to bottom.

And Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., added a swing ride called Barnstormer, with two pendulum arms seating 16 passengers each. The swing takes riders to a peak of 25 metres in the air and rotates at 72 km/h. A barnyard-themed play area and pig pen water play area surround the ride.

"Creativity and innovation, which are really the foundation of the business, are alive and well in our industry, and I think the attractions that are opening illustrate that," said David Mandt, spokesman for the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions.

Roller-coaster enthusiasts will also be able to get their fix on new rides at the Six Flags parks.

Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, N.J., and Six Flags Magic Mountain in Valencia, Calif., are launching Green Lantern, a 15-storey stand-up coaster that begins with a 72-km/h vertical drop before rocketing riders through five inversions, including loops and corkscrews.

Green Lantern is among three new coasters at Six Flags Magic Mountain. Six Flags New England near Springfield, Mass., adds the steel coaster called Gotham City: Gauntlet Escape from Arkham Asylum, while the Dare Devil Dive coaster opens at Six Flags Over Georgia in Austell, Ga., featuring a 10-storey vertical drop. Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington marks its 50th anniversary by bringing back a faster and steeper Texas Giant coaster.

New York's Coney Island has this year opened its first new roller coasters since the famed Cyclone was built in the 1920s. Four new thrill rides in the park are known collectively as the Scream Zone.

In early June, Disney California Adventure in Anaheim debuts The Little Mermaid — Ariel's Undersea Adventure as part of a multiyear billion-dollar expansion of the park. The family-friendly ride features characters from the popular movie as riders travel on a virtual underwater journey. Disney parks in Orlando, Fla., and California are reopening the venerable Star Tours ride with a new 3-D element and Star Wars-inspired story line for the deep space flight simulator. Star Tours opened May 20 at Disney World and will open June 3 at Disneyland.

Star Wars fans get a treat at Legoland in Carlsbad, Calif., too, with Star Wars Miniland, which offers scenes from the movies made of 1.5 million Lego bricks, including depictions of Tatooine where Luke Skywalker grew up; Endor; the icy planet Hoth and the Millennium Falcon. Later in the year, in October, the world's fifth Legoland park is scheduled to open on the East Coast, on the site of the old Cypress Gardens in Winter Haven, Fla.

SeaWorld parks in Orlando, Fla, San Diego and San Antonio are introducing their first new Shamu shows in five years, environmentally themed killer whale attractions called Believe. In addition, SeaWorld San Diego opens Turtle Reef, a nearly 1.1-million-litre aquarium featuring more than 60 threatened or endangered sea turtles.

Another animal-themed attraction, Cheetah Hunt, opens at Busch Gardens in Tampa, Fla., with a cheetah habitat and roller coaster.

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SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE

▶ This photo, courtesy of Six Flags Great Adventure, shows the Green Lantern stand-Up coaster at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, N.J. The Green Lantern is a 15-story stand-up coaster that begins with a 45-mph vertical drop before rocketing riders through five inversions, including loops and corkscrews.

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It's National Work From Home Day, and you might just want to mention it to your boss

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If you're reading this Metro in your office and notice some of your colleagues are missing today, don't fear that the rapture was just delayed – today is National Work From Home Day.

The unofficial movement toward greater workplace flexibility is driven by Workopolis, the online recruiter, and more than 75,000 Canadians have "liked" their idea on Facebook.

Andrea Garson, vice-president of human resources, says the goal is to make it an official, legislated event and for companies to develop programs that allow eligible workers to telecommute some or all of the time. Calgary already has a telework week and Ottawa is moving toward introducing tele-working options at City Hall.

"There's a reduction of stress and the ability to care for others if they have a disabled family member."
ANDREA GARSON
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"From a worker's perspective, there's obviously a greater flexibility in things like choosing your work hours, flexibility, working on your own terms," she says.

"There's a reduction of stress and the ability to care for others if they have a disabled family member."

It also boosts mental health to such an extent that the Canadian Mental Health Association supports the call for a work-from-home day.

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▶ One day to crunch numbers on the couch could be exactly what your body needs.

For employers, it can lead to smaller office needs, happier workers, increased productivity and greater access to qualified candidates. "There's a whole group of people who are now saying this is important to them," Garson says. That includes rising talent from 20-somethings who crave flexible bosses to blend with their flexible lifestyles. Telecommuting options also help retain new parents who might otherwise quit.

Karen Scully will be among the ranks telecommuting Wednesday. She does reports for a call centre in Toronto and works from home two days per week and from the office three days a week.

"Everything is on a server and I can talk to my coworkers via MSN," she says of the ease of telecommuting.

It's great for her, as she has a four-hour roundtrip commute. Replacing that twice a week by walking to her in-house office saves her about $250 a month in gas and prevents her bad back from being agitated by the long drive. It's good for her bosses, too, as she arrives for work cheerful, rested and precisely on time. Commuters "arrive at work angry," she laughs.

"Somebody's going to make you angry driving."

Scully also never has to leave work early to catch a carpool ride and rarely misses a telecommute day.

"I don't get snow days anymore," she laments, noting that one year before she telecommuted she had to miss five days due to blizzards.

Home work

It seems that working from home isn't the fantasy scenario that some might imagine it to be.

- Approximately 2.5 million Canadians work from home at least once a week, according to an Avaya Inc study.

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▶ Alex Radu advises graduates going through the application process to gravitate towards recruiters who seem genuinely enthusiastic about their companies.

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As a student in a business program with strong connections to a number of large corporations, I started my job search by emulating what other students around me were doing: applying to large consumer packaged goods, accounting and consulting firms that recruited students directly from our program.

These companies were actually coming to us, hands outstretched, asking for resumés and cover letters.

So, it only made sense to give them what they were looking for.

In retrospect, I realize this is a privilege that most other university students do not have.

Having said that, after jumping through the hoops of these large corporations' systematic recruitment processes and getting turned down numerous times, I found myself becoming very jaded to this type of job hunt.

The process was painfully repetitive: Attend on-campus information session. Submit resumé and cover letter. Fill out online application.

Attach resumé and cover letter again. Wait for response. Interview. Get turned down. Hopelessly wonder why.

Though I began each new application excited about the prospect of the job, by the end I had lost much of my passion and zeal.

It was at this point that, through the Impact Entrepreneurship Group, I was introduced to the world of start-ups and small businesses, which breathed new life into my job hunt.

This was it. No more faceless applications, no more jumping through unnecessary hoops, and no more generic e-mails turning me down without any sort of explanation. Finally, an application process where I was dealing with real people who were incredibly passionate about their work. Plus, they were equally interested in me and what I could bring to the table.

It was a whole new world of job opportunities.

My advice to my fellow students is not to restrict themselves to applying only for positions they find through career centres or on job boards.

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Alex's experience:

- Attend conferences and industry events to get an idea of who the key players are and what they do.
- If you discover a person or company you would be excited to work for, send them an email or call them directly. Be persistent, but not annoying – they're busy!
- Don't just ask for a job. Explain exactly what you want to do and why you're interested in working there.

Where Alex is now

This summer, I am working as Marketing Co-ordinator for marketing company Redwood Strategic. This is not a job I got through a career centre or any form of on-campus recruiting.

I met the founder, Dave Wilkin, last year at a conference and was captivated by his energy and his belief in the power of what his company does.

After the conference, we kept in touch and met on several occasions to discuss Redwood Strategic, its employment needs, and the kinds of experiences I was looking for.

We soon found a mutual fit and Dave hired me as a Marketing Co-ordinator for the summer.

4 sports

Now the hard part ...

NHL commissioner indicates Winnipeg must sell out arena for its team to be a success

The NHL is returning to Winnipeg with a hefty price tag attached to the franchise.

There was no glossing over the harsh financial reality of operating a team in the league as the estimated $170-million-US sale and relocation of the Atlanta Thrashers was announced yesterday.

Not only did True North Sports and Entertainment spend a significant amount of time detailing the price of tickets, but NHL commissioner Gary Bettman also made it clear that every one of them better be accounted for.

"It isn't going to work very well unless this building is sold out every night," said Bettman.

The 15,015-seat MTS Centre will be the smallest arena in the NHL and Winnipeg re-enters the league at a time when it has never been more expensive to do business.

The salary cap is expected to climb for a sixth straight season in 2011-12 and could reach more than $62 million. If that were to happen, every team would have to spend at least $46 million to reach the salary floor.

The Thrashers currently have $35.9 million tied up in 15 players for next season. There are seven pending restricted free agents — included captain Andrew Ladd and defenceman Zach Bogosian — and another three players eligible for unrestricted free agency.

All told, the payroll could exceed $50 million.

Decisions must also be made about the entire hockey operations staff, including general manager Rick Dudley. He signed a four-year contract extension in January but won't necessarily make the move north.

"We have got a lot of work to do," said Winnipeg co-owner Mark Chipman. "I have a very high regard for Rick, (but) haven't spoken to him and expect to do so very shortly."

In the meantime, True North is asking fans to open their wallets and show support for the new franchise. Tickets will range in price between $39 and $129.

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Name game

The league owns the rights to the Jets name and Winnipeg can have it if they want it, said commissioner Gary Bettman.

- Bettman says the new owners will decide whether they want to revive the Jets or look to a new era when it comes to the name.
- True North doesn't expect to waste a lot of time before choosing, said Jim Ludlow, president and CEO.

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▶ NHL commissioner Gary Bettman answers questions in Winnipeg yesterday.

Quoted

"I am not a man of many words but I can honestly say that playing football is all I have ever wanted to do, and to have had such a long and successful career at Manchester United has been a real honour."

MANCHESTER UNITED MIDFIELDER PAUL SCHOLES, WHO ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT FROM SOCCER YESTERDAY.

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Federer will face Djokovic

Roger Federer made his way back into the French Open semifinals yesterday, and he'll now get a chance to end Novak Djokovic's perfect season.

The 16-time Grand Slam champion advanced by beating Gael Monfils of France 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (3), making it five straight-set wins in a row at Roland Garros. Against Djokovic, Federer will be up against the player who eliminated him from the semifinals at the last two major tournaments.

On the women's side, defending champ Francesca Schiavone reached the semifinals by beating Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, and No. 11 Marion Bartoli defeated Svetlana Kuznetsova.

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▶ Roger Federer, left, and Gael Monfils.

Sports in brief

Dineen to coach Panthers?

NHL. A person familiar with the negotiations tells The Associated Press the Florida Panthers have hired Kevin Dineen to take over as coach.

The Panthers say they will introduce their next coach today.

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Bahrain wants its grand prix

F1. Bahrain has asked Formula One's governing body to reschedule its grand prix when it meets on Friday, insisting the country is returning to normal despite lasting political tensions.

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▶ Vancouver Canucks, from left, Ryan Kesler, Aaron Rome, Henrik Sedin and Alex Burrows battle during practice yesterday.

A glitch in feel-good tale for Canucks

Injured Malhotra misses final tune-up before Game 1 of Cup final

Now, you see him. Now, you don't.

Vancouver Canucks centre Manny Malhotra's inspirational comeback was put on hold yesterday, raising questions about whether he will be able to compete in the Stanley Cup final against the Boston Bruins.

Malhotra, recovering from a career-threatening eye injury suffered in mid-March, was conspicuous by his absence as the Canucks held their last full practice before tonight's Game 1 (CBC, 8 p.m.).

"He gets monitored every day and today was a day they (medical staff) felt that it would be best to stay away for today," said Vancouver general manager Mike Gillis. "He'll be back around the team again (today), we anticipate."

The 31-year-old Mississauga, Ont., native returned to practice recently after undergoing a number of surgical procedures to save his vision, fuelling speculation that he would be ready for game action as the Canucks compete for a first Stanley Cup in their 40-season history.

But Gillis raised doubts about the possibility of him returning in time to suit up against the Boston Bruins.

"He hasn't been cleared to play yet," said Gillis. "He's cleared for some contact."

"When he's cleared to play and play in the NHL, you'll see him with the team again. Until that point, we'll take it day by day and monitor it day by day."

CANUCKS GM MIKE GILLIS ON MANNY MALHOTRA

The general manager's comments contradicted those of Canucks coach Alain Vigneault, who said Saturday that Malhotra had been officially cleared to play. Vigneault did not differentiate between practices and games.

Gillis said that Malhotra had not suffered a setback.

"No, it's part of the ongoing plan he's had from the date of the injury," said Gillis.

The veteran centre was injured as a puck deflected into his eye off the stick of St. Louis Blues defenceman Erik Johnson.

The Canucks announced shortly after Malhotra went down that he was out for the season. He underwent surgical procedures and stayed around the team while dodging reporters and contributing with video analysis, pep talks and other preparations.

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ROOKIE CAMP

First action for CFL's new crop of talent

Scott Mitchell will be reporting to the Edmonton Eskimos' camp on time.

The second overall pick in this year's CFL Canadian college draft has signed a contract with the Eskimos. That means the six-foot-five, 295-pound Rice University offensive tackle will take part in drills today when Edmonton and all other league teams open their rookie camps.

Eskimos rookie head coach Kavis Reed announced the move yesterday, adding the 21-year-old Montreal native, who grew up in Ottawa, will be given the opportunity to start.

"We're fully expecting him to come in and compete," Reed said during a conference call. "We know we have to be judicious in how we push him in terms of whether or not he's able to start.

"It's our expectation that he competes for a starting position but we also want to be very prudent about how we develop him."

Edmonton also signed receiver Nate Coehoorn, the fifth-overall selection.

The signings of Mitchell, who was this year's top-ranked draft prospect, and Coehoorn come after the Winnipeg Blue Bombers came to terms Monday with linebacker Henoc Muamba, the first overall selection.

Earlier, receivers Anthony Parker (No. 3 to Calgary) and Marco Iannuzzi (sixth overall to B.C.) signed with their respective clubs. That leaves pass catcher Jade Etienne (fourth overall to Winnipeg) as the lone first-rounder yet to sign, though he's expected to do so prior to the start of the Bombers' rookie camp.

Neither Tulsa offensive lineman Tyler Holmes (No. 7 to Toronto) nor kicker Brody McKnight (No. 8 to Montreal) have signed as they're both returning to school this fall.

Veterans report for medicals Saturday with full training camps opening Sunday.

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World Cup qualifier may be last for Canadian stalwarts

After more than a decade with Canada's national soccer team, Kevin McKenna and Dwayne De Rosario have come to know disappointment all too well.

They're mainstays with the Canadian team, but neither has reached the World Cup.

And the 31-year-old McKenna and 33-year-old De Rosario know time is running out.

"I think it will be my last shot at a World Cup qualifying. There is a bit (of urgency), I'm not 21 anymore," said McKenna, a central defender for FC Koln in Germany. "It's always been a dream of mine as a kid and if we were to make it, it would definitely really be a highlight to my career."

The Canadians have gathered for camp in Toronto ahead of the CONCACAF Gold Cup tournament. World Cup qualifying is in September. They host Ecuador in a friendly tonight at BMO Field in Toronto.

Canada has made just one World Cup appearance — in 1986 — failing to win a game or score a goal.

"I've had that feeling (of urgency) from a long time ago, that's one of my dreams, to make the World Cup," De Rosario said. "We really think we have the team."

McKenna, a Calgary native, has 49 caps and 10 goals for Canada and made his national team debut in 2000. Toronto's De Rosario has 56 caps and 15 goals since making his debut in 1998.

The biggest change they've seen over their long tenure with the team is the increase in Canadians playing at a high level abroad.

Simeon Jackson is one Canadian who's proven himself on one of the sport's biggest stages.

His header against Portsmouth a few weeks ago propelled Norwich City into the vaunted English Premier League. It was just one goal in an outburst that saw the 22-year-old from Mississauga, Ont., score nine times in seven games. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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By comparison

Chevrolet Cruze
Base price: $16,450
Cobalt replacement impresses with classy styling and roomy cabin.

Nissan Sentra
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Good looks plus a range of power options keep this small car in the hunt.

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All-new sedan makes a bold statement with great looks and fuel economy.

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Engine

Honda didn't substantially alter the Civic's base 140-horsepower 1.8-litre four-cylinder engine, other than to tweak it to improve fuel economy.

However, the sporty Si coupe and sedan receive a new 2.4-litre engine that generates 201 horsepower (up from 197) to replace the previous 2.0.

That means 31 more pound-feet of torque for a much peppier drive.

Updates

The Civic coupe and sedan have evolved only modestly, compared to their previous-gen counterparts.

The rooflines are a bit more sweeping (what Honda calls a "one motion profile") and the front roof pillars are now thinner to improve visibility.

Other updates include a more attractive nose plus a general updating of the rear deck and taillamps.

Road manners

Upgrading the Civic's already decent road manners involved dialing in greater steering responsiveness, retuning the front and rear suspension for a smoother ride and enlarging the underbody's flat surface area to reduce air resistance (to improve fuel economy).

With numerous performance choices and trim levels, the Civic continues to provide a lean to loaded assortment over a price range that remains about the same as before (starting at $16,400, including delivery costs).

▶ The grille has been recut to blend in with the rest of the Honda family. More subtlety, about 2.5 centimetres have been cut out of the distance between the front and rear wheels.

Evolutionary path for Civic

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The new Honda Civic's song remains the same, but its melody just keeps on getting richer and sweeter.

The first-generation Civic that arrived for the 1973 model year was the ideal antidote for increasing pump prices (and gas rationing in the United States) that struck fear into the hearts of drivers back then.

Through the Civic, Honda showed the world that inexpensive, fuel-efficient automobiles could also be fun and desirable.

Additionally, Honda became an early proponent of environmental responsibility and conservation at a time when the Detroit-based ironmongers continued pumping out ever larger and wasteful fleets.

With each successive generation, the Civic has stayed mostly true to its original purpose and has reaped the rewards from a growing and loyal customer base.

It's clear that the ninth-generation Civic that's just now trickling into the retail pipeline (slowed due to parts shortages from the recent earthquake/tsunami in Japan) is following an evolutionary path.

There's no shock-and-awe approach to its design or technological content. Instead there's a continual effort to improve on the Civic's inherent goodness that will more likely be felt as much as noticed.

Are you ready to purchase a motorcycle?

Follow these tips before making your decision

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▶ Similar to shopping for a car, you should take your time when considering the purchase of a motorcycle.

While true motorcycle aficionados will ride their bike regardless of the weather, most Canadians shop for a motorcycle in spring and summer.

With Father's Day approaching fast, indulging in a nice cruiser, sport motorcycle, touring motorcycle or dual sport might seem like a good idea — and a deserved treat.

Before you jump ahead and buy on impulse, make sure you research your purchase properly.

A 2010 Ipsos Reid survey commissioned by autoTRADER.ca reveals that while Honda, Yamaha, and Harley-Davidson are top online searches, most buyers spend approximately three months searching for the perfect ride before making their purchase.

"Most people selling or purchasing a motorcycle have an intimate relationship with bikes: our research shows that most of them consider that purchasing a motorcycle is a dream they've always wanted to accomplish," says Cole Reiken, Director, Automotive Marketplace for TRADER Corporation.

The following tips should help you keep both feet on the ground — until your next motorcycle ride, of course:

Ask questions

Don't be afraid to ask the seller how many miles are on the motorcycle, if it is still under warranty, or recent maintenance or repairs were completed, with information on the quality and age of replacement parts.

Set your budget

While prices differ according to the make, model and year of the motorcycle, the average price is about $10,000.

This should not be the only consideration though: make sure you also plan for maintenance and insurance fees as well.

Identify your needs

Ask yourself what you will use your motorcycle for: will it be to drive on the highway, in the city or for cross-country?

Are you looking for comfort, or is speed and performance your main focus? Remember to also consider your height and weight — one size doesn't fit all.

Make sure your have the proper driving license

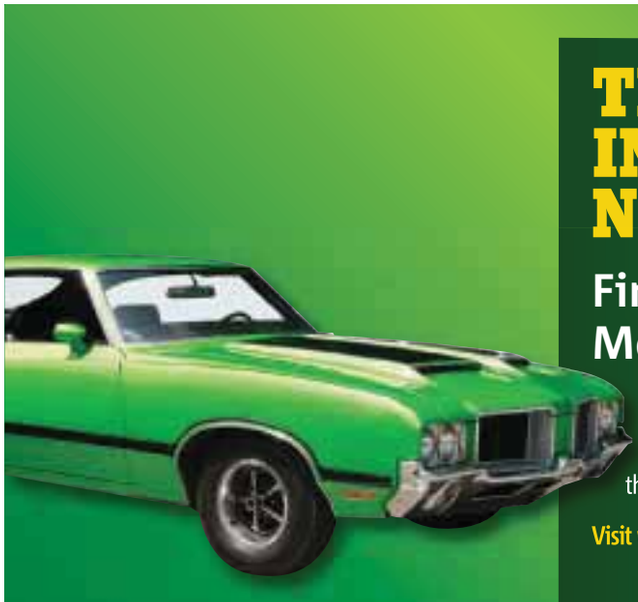
To drive a motorcycle, you'll need a license — and a helmet.

There are different types of licenses depending on which motorcycle you'd like to drive, so make sure you take all necessary courses and accreditations before hitting the road.

Meet the seller in person

Whether buying a motorcycle online on a classifieds site or at a dealership, it's important to meet the seller, see the motorcycle, and try it —even if it's just in the parking lot.

Make sure you're properly insured and are licensed though. NEWS CANADA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First-gen Vue appeals mainly on price

Heavy horsepower models are available

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Intended to compete with the Honda CR-V and Toyota RAV4, the Saturn Vue entered its first generation with a unique look, two available powertrains and available All-Wheel Drive.

A high-performance Redline variant was available with enhanced styling, and a hybrid version was available, too.

Riding the same platform that housed the Chevrolet Equinox and Pontiac Torrent, Vue was powered by a 2.2-litre, 143-horsepower four-cylinder engine, or a 3-litre, 181-horsepower V6.

A five-speed manual gearbox was available for the four-cylinder engine, and automatics were fitted otherwise. A CVT transmission was available on early four-cylinder Vue models too, though shoppers are advised to avoid it. Among other things, GM canned this transmission option due to reliability issues.

Note that from 2004 and on, the V6 engine was replaced by a 3.5-litre unit from Honda, which cranked horsepower up to 270.

Look for a five-door, five-seat configuration, flexible folding rear seats and generous interior storage accommodations.

Feature content included leather seating, a sunroof, power accessories and remote access. An auto-dimming rearview mirror, satellite radio, OnStar and cruise control were also available.

What's the 4-1-1

- **Model:** 2002-07 Saturn Vue
- **Vehicle type:** Crossover
- **Price:** $2,500 to $14,000

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2006 Saturn Vue

What Owners Like

Owners of this generation of Vue typically praise its easy driving character and flexibility, as well as styling.

What Owners Dislike

Complaints tend to deal with cramped rear seats, cheap interior parts and a noisy ride and suspension.

Common Issues

Other issues are numerous, and test drivers set on a Vue for its lower-than-average price and unique styling are advised to have a full mechanical inspection by a Saturn-trained mechanic.

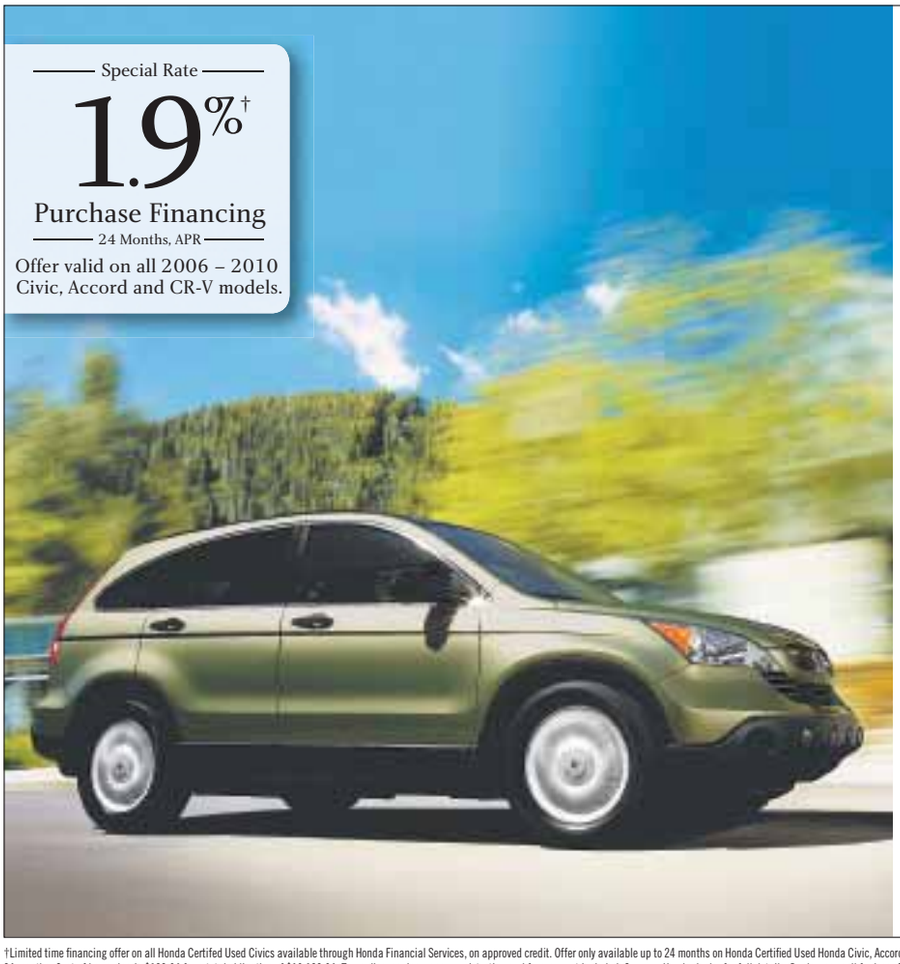
A full inspection of the AWD system (if so equipped), as well as a "scan" of the engine computer for signs of bad sensors is an ideal starting point.

Many owners have reported sensor and wiring-related problems, meaning a full check of all electronic accessories should be considered mandatory, too. Ditto the transmission. If the Vue you're test driving hesitates, slips or "clunks" during gear shifts, move to another unit. Note that the Vue also seemed prone to bearing-related issues with wheel-bearings and carrier bearings for the driveshaft in the AWD system.

The Verdict

To avoid potential headaches and reliability issues, a front-drive, four-cylinder unit with the five-speed manual is likely your best bet. If you're not dead-set on a first-gen Vue and can spend a little more money, more reliable models are available.

Check out Justin's video car reviews online at youtube.com/mr2pritch.



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GOOGLE WORKING ON ULTIMATE BACK SEAT DRIVER

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Late last year, Google revealed that a fleet of self-driving vehicles it's developing has already logged about 200,000 kilometres on public roads and streets in California.

Which begs a lot of profound questions, like… Where were the cops? … Even if driver-less technology has arrived, should we use it? … Who pays when a driverless car hits something? … And who is getting in the first one certified for public use, because it's not going to be me?

The brains behind the Google self-driving initiative is Sebastian Thrun. Before moving to Google, he was behind several Stanford driverless vehicle projects, including Stanley, the first ever-winner of the DARPA Grand Challenge, a U.S. military contest worth $2 million in grants, for a driverless vehicle that could pass several challenges in desert conditions.

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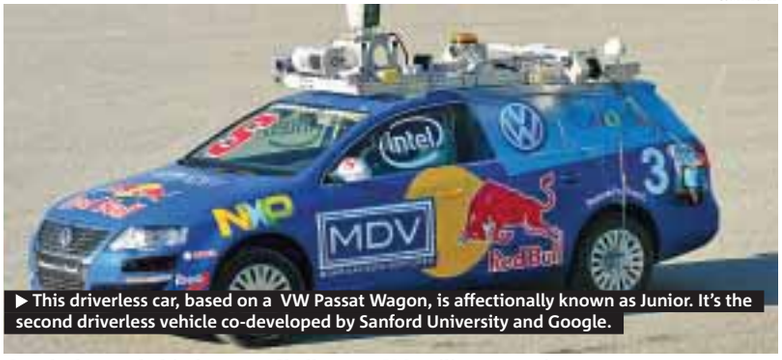


▶ This driverless car, based on a VW Passat Wagon, is affectionally known as Junior. It's the second driverless vehicle co-developed by Sanford University and Google.

Thrun believes we should peruse driverless vehicle technology for safety reasons. In fact, he opened his talk at the TED Conference earlier this year, by saying that when his best friend died in a vehicle crash at age 18, he soon decided to dedicate his life to one day saving one million people per year from vehicle-related deaths.

Others have made this case before, that vehicles that can communicate to each other, and that are connected to a common grid of some kind, could easily be programmed to stay out of each other's way. (Most accident deaths are caused by human error.)

Thrun also believes that driverless vehicle can save much gasoline and human time. We can save gas, he says, by increasing the capacity of our current roadways "by a factor of two or three." With totally automated systems, vehicles should be able to travel very close together, and on vary narrow ribbons, or so he says. This would also get rid of gridlock, which he figures robs the U.S. of about 4 billion hours of wasted time every year.

He ended by saying that he and others are working toward, and looking forward to, a future time, "when generations look back at us and say how ridiculous it was that humans were driving cars."

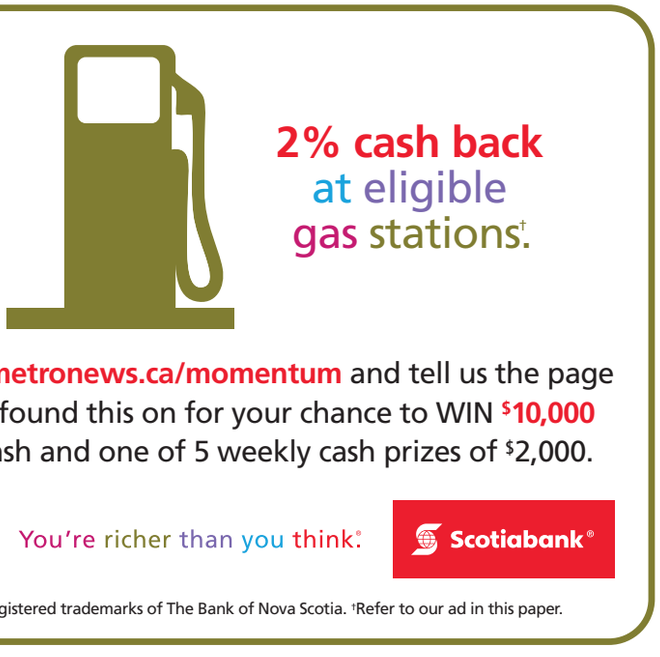
Wow.

We're a long ways from that "utopia." Even if there are no technology issues, a lot of governments, legislators, citizens, etc., will have to get on board.

But I think the biggest hurdle in our lifetime is the collective memory of current drivers. The Google vehicles started life as normal Toyota Prius models. For the California tests, two engineers sat in the driver and passenger seats at all times — to monitor the computer systems linking the maps, video cameras, radars and lasers, servo-motors, etc., and for driver backup, in case of driverless driver malfunction.

I don't know how those guys did it. I rode shotgun once in a driverless car at Chrysler's proving grounds in Michigan, and it wasn't easy. I squirmed in my seat. I stared and swore at the invisible driver. I did not enjoy it.

I suppose I could have viewed it as an amusement ride, or like getting on a train. But I knew where such a train was heading — to a future where I wasn't allowed behind the wheel.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Designing a tire is quite a balancing act. The tire needs to be safe, long-lasting and as fuel-efficient as possible, but it also needs to be relatively quiet to avoid excessive road noise.

Pirelli has a research and development department that deals specifically with tire noise, especially since it is headquartered in Europe where tires have to meet maximum mandated noise levels, says Mastracchio Orazio, quality product manager for Canada for Pirelli Tire.

"There are a few factors with noise, and the most predominant one is the tread design," Orazio says. "For example, a winter truck design will generate more noise than a summer performance tire. The (rubber) compound has a minimal effect. It depends on the tread design."

Tire treads are made up of blocks that contain grooves and sipes, the tiny slits in the tread face that help increase traction.

"You see more and more tires that have a modern tread design," Orazio says. "Most of them are asymmetrical or directional. You need to make sure that the pitch of the tread blocks is not the same on the left side as on the right side, because when the wind hits the tread blocks, it generates a certain level of decibels. If you space out the tread blocks, it breaks the wind noise."

Tires are tested for noise in a special "quiet" room, with microphones inside and outside the car. The vehicle is run on rollers in the floor, with the microphones picking up and analyzing the sound. The engineers work to make the tire as quiet as possible, while still working in conjunction with those who are designing the tread and assessing the tire's longevity.

If they go too far in one direction, they sacrifice at the other.

"We have to consider the safety," Orazio says. "Noise is up there, but safety is the priority."

Regulations

- Europe has strict regulations on tires, and by Nov. 1, 2012, new tires will have to be sold with their fuel efficiency, wet grip and rolling noise levels displayed at the store or in advertising materials so that consumers can compare them.

PIRELLI TIRE.

▶ A Pirelli Scorpion Verde all-season tire is pictured.

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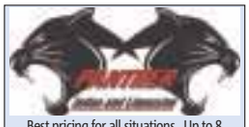

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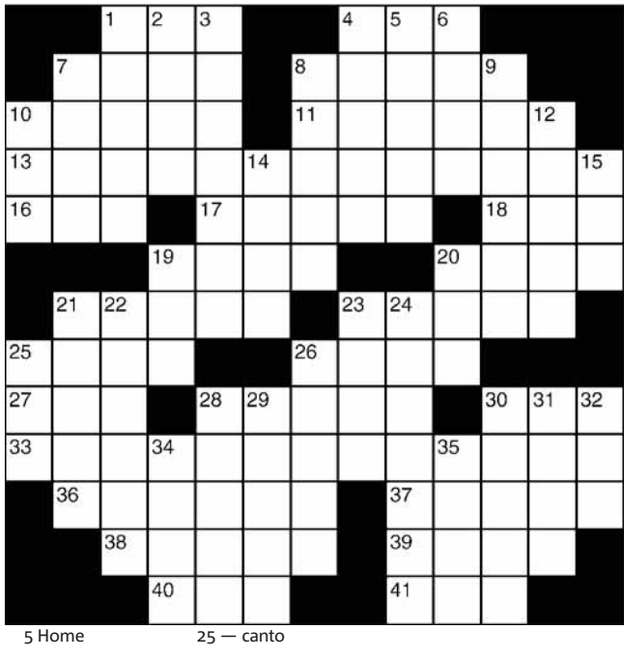

Across

1 "— the season ..."
4 Perched
7 Understand, slangily
8 Tennis player's sore spot
10 Dish
11 Illinois city
13 Events of 7/29/81 and 4/29/11
16 Type squares
17 "— Foolish Things"
18 401(k) alternative
19 Old World deer
20 Singles
21 Dracula, e.g.
23 Mirror's offering
25 Use the oven
26 Use a teaspoon
27 Geological period
28 Weeps loudly
30 Lawyers' org.
33 No traitor
36 Smoothly, in music
37 Battery terminal
38 Twelve
39 Sorts
40 Teut.
41 Easter-egg preparation

Down

1 Cafeteria stack
2 Greek vowel
3 Kadiddlehopper portrayer
4 Coasters
5 Home
6 Actress Spelling
7 Latch (onto)
8 Tools for duels
9 — and dining
10 Opposite of post-
12 Coincide
14 Sharpen
15 Airline to Stockholm
19 Regret
20 Rowing need
21 Christmas song
22 Accepted
23 "— have to do"
24 Lost
25 — canto
26 Faint
28 Fire
29 Subsequently
30 Heard the alarm
31 Foundations
32 Exist
34 Enthusiastic, plus
35 Sans siblings

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

3	2		1				7	4
4	9		7		8	1		
		5			2			6
9						8	4	
6			8		9			2
	8	1						7
5			6			4		
		3	9		5		6	1
7	6				3		5	8

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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Muack, Sorry I'm such a butt sometimes. You are the greatest person I have ever met. You make me feel so perfect! I love you! Don't forget that :) <3 **HONEYBEE**

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 No matter how well you talk, you'll also have to be hands-on.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Today's solar eclipse will reward you in ways you may not have been expecting.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Do something dramatic today, something that will make the world sit up and take notice.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 There's something important you need to deal with before you moving on to bigger and better things.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Today, you will wonder why everyone is being so nice to you but don't let it get out of hand. You're appreciated.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Let someone in a position of power know you are ambitious and you will be moving up in the world.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 What do you dream of doing more than anything else? Do it — right now.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 By all means, go on the offensive today, especially where money matters are concerned.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You may get angry with people who think and act lower than you but nagging them won't change it.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You will work extremely hard over the next 24 hours. Push yourself above and beyond your usual limit.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Relationships and affairs of the heart will benefit from the eclipse.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You'll deal with a grievance, but it shouldn't be too much for your caring nature. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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